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MAINE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

MUNICIPAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

LIST OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Note: The following list is a general summary of each community's restrictions and prohibitions and is not complete. For a complete list of all prohibitions and restrictions for these communities please contact the respective local authority.

Community	RESTRICTIONS	PROHIBITED	Effective Date
South Portland		Use, sell or possess with intent to use or sell consumer fireworks.	November 6, 2011
		No person or group may sell, possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks or fireworks.	October 18, 2011
North Yarmouth		No person or group shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded fireworks or any said items in enumerated in Section 38-101 "consumer fireworks." No person shall use, display, throw, drop or cause to be discharged or exploded, any consumer fireworks or fireworks at any time, within fifty feet of any public way.	
Freeport		No person or group may sell, possess with intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks or fireworks. No person or group of persons shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded fireworks or any of said items enumerated in section 38-101 "Consumer Fireworks." No person shall use, display, throw, drop or cause to	October 4, 2011

		be discharged or exploded, any consumer fireworks or fireworks or fireworks at any time, within fifty feet of any public way.	
Bangor		No person shall use, possess with the intent to use in the City of Bangor, sell, possess with the intent to sell in the City of Bangor, or offer for sale consumer fireworks.	October 24, 2011
Hollis		Use or sale	November 9, 2011
Frye Island		Use unless sanctioned by the Town of Frye Island Board of Selectman.	November, 2011
Cape Elizabeth		Use, possession with intent to use, sale possession with intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks.	December 14, 2011
Holden	To sell must possess municipal permit. .	none	October 5, 2011
Falmouth		Use and sale.	November, 2011
Yarmouth		The use, sale, and possession with intent to use of all consumer fireworks is prohibited except for sparklers that do not contain certain elements specified in ordinance.	November 22, 2011
Westbrook	Sale is allowed with municipal permit required. No restrictions on use.		December 6, 2011

Rockland	Use and sale	December 14, 2011
Fairfield	There are area and date restrictions on use. Sale requires a permit. Contact town office for detailed description.	October 10, 2012
Ellsworth	Consumer fireworks shall not be used when the fire danger class is 4 or greater. See ordinance for other use restrictions. A permit from the city is required in order to sell consumer fireworks.	April 16, 2012
Eliot	Use is prohibited.	December 16, 2011
Wells	Use and sale	January 20, 2012
Gardiner	180 moratorium prohibiting the sale and use of consumer fireworks.	December 21, 2011
Orono	No person shall sell, use or possess with intent to sell or use consumer fireworks.	January 11, 2012

Portland	No person shall sell, use or possess with intent to sell or use consumer fireworks.	August 17, 2011
Farmingdale	Fireworks may only be used between 5:00 PM and 10:00PM. Fireworks may not be used when the fire danger class, as designated by the Maine Forest Service, is a class 4 or 5 fire danger day. Three complaints on any user will result in that user not being allowed to use fireworks in Farmingdale.	January 1, 2012
Farmingdale (cont'd)	A person may use consumer fireworks on July 3 – 5 at specified times in addition to December 31 st and January 1 st at specified times.	January 1, 2012
Cumberland	A person may not sell consumer fireworks in Cumberland.	December 12, 2011
Owls Head	No person or group shall use or sell consumer fireworks in Owls Head.	December 19, 2011
Brunswick	No sale or use of consumer fireworks.	January 1, 2012
Bath	The use, discharge, ignition, sale, or offer for sale, of consumer fireworks in the City of Bath is prohibited.	January 25, 2012

Buxton	The use and sale of consumer fireworks in Buxton is prohibited.	March 2, 2012
Scarborough	Consumer fireworks may be sold but can only be used during the days of 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 12/31 and 1/1 during times established in ordinance.	March 7, 2012
Hallowell	Use restricted to certain areas of the municipality. Contact city officials for more information. Sale is permitted.	February 23, 2012
Winthrop	No person shall sell, possess with intent to sell, or offer for sale consumer fireworks in Winthrop except in compliance with federal and state law. Use of consumer fireworks is restricted. Call the local authority for additional details on use restrictions.	February 6, 2012
Wayne	No person or group shall sell or use consumer fireworks in Wayne.	February 14, 2012
North Berwick	Use restrictions: Must be 50 ft. from combustibles and can only use during Maine Forest Service Class conditions 1, 2, or 3. Sales facilities must comply with local zoning ordinances.	March 31, 2012
Biddeford	No person shall use, possess with intent to use, sell, possess with intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks in the City of Biddeford.	April 3, 2012

Woodstock		Selling, or offering for sale, consumer fireworks are prohibited.	March 26, 2012
Wiscasset	Sale of consumer fireworks is limited to certain areas of Wiscasset only.	Use of consumer fireworks prohibited in Wiscasset.	January 1, 2012
Winslow	In order to sell consumer fireworks a person must obtain (purchase) a permit from the Town of Winslow and follow town rules pertaining to storage and sprinkler systems.		March 12, 2012
Caribou	In order to store or sell consumer fireworks a person must obtain a permit from the Caribou Fire Chief. Sales facilities may only be operated in areas designated in ordinance. In order to use consumer fireworks in Caribou a person must obtain a permit from the Fire Department. Use is restricted to areas designated in ordinance.		March 12, 2012
Boothbay Harbor		Sale and Use of consumer fireworks are prohibited.	May 4, 2012
Old Orchard Beach		Sale and use are prohibited.	March 6, 2012

York		Sale and use are prohibited.	May 19, 2012
Sanford		Use prohibited.	NOT GIVEN
Auburn		Use, sale, and possession with intent to sell are prohibited.	NOT GIVEN
Mount Desert		Use, sale, and possession with intent to sell are prohibited.	May 8, 2012
Augusta		Use, sale and offering for sale consumer fireworks are prohibited.	November 17, 2011
Lewiston	Use is restricted to certain areas, times, and there are also additional distance requirements for use within the City of Lewiston. See ordinance for details.	Sale of consumer fireworks is prohibited.	April 5, 2012
Kennebunkport		Use, sale, possession with intent to sell are prohibited.	NOT GIVEN
Damariscotta		Use is prohibited in the area between School Street (west side of the road) and the Damariscotta River from Castner Brook to Chase Point Road (north side of road). Sale is prohibited throughout the town.	June 13, 2012

Boothbay Harbor		Use and sale are prohibited in town and on, in, or over its waters.	May 5, 2012
Hermon		Sale, use, possession with intent use of consumer fireworks are prohibited.	December 15, 2011
Andover		Sale and use of consumer fireworks are prohibited.	March 17, 2012
Harrison		Sale and use of consumer fireworks are prohibited.	June 19, 2012
Saco		Sale, use, possession with intent to use or sell, offer for sale consumer fireworks are prohibited.	September 17, 2012
Harpswell	Use is restricted to 7/3-4-5; 12/31 & 1/1 and at times specified in the ordinance.	Sale or possession with intent to sell is prohibited.	March 10, 2012.
Greenwood	Use restricted to July 3,4, & 5; the Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day Monday; December 31 st and January 1 st at specified times. Use restricted to Class 1 & 2 days as determined by the Maine Forestry Service	No sale.	October 30, 2012
Mechanic Falls	Use restricted to Friday & Saturday nights; July 3 & 4; December 31 & January 1 at specified times.		November 6, 2012

Waldoboro	<p>Consumer fireworks may not be used during ME Forest Service 4 or 5 fire danger class days. Must obtain permit from town.</p> <p>Fireworks may not be used within 50 ft. of public land.</p> <p>No use in Downtown Business district, Route 1 Commercial B district, Historic Village district.</p> <p>Fireworks shall only be discharged between 5PM and 10PM except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, New Years Eve when they can be used up to 12:30AM.</p>	June 12, 2012
Monmouth	<p>Use is restricted to July 3,4,5, December 31, January 1, Memorial Day, two days prior to Memorial Day, Labor Day and two days prior to Labor day.</p> <p>Consumer Fireworks may only be used between 5 PM and 10 PM.</p>	January 1, 2013
Gorham	<p>Users must obtain a permit from the Town of Gorham to use fireworks there. No permit will be issued during days in which the Fire Danger Class is 3,4, or 5.</p> <p>Users may not discharge products within 150 ft. of any building or structure.</p> <p>Users may only discharge consumer fireworks on July</p>	September 6, 2012

3rd and 4th; December 31st
and January 1st; and, every
Saturday. Call Gorham
Town Offices for the specific
times you may discharge
products.

Randolph

Consumer fireworks shall not
be ignited within 50 feet of any
structure. Consumer fireworks
can not be ignited during a class
4 or 5 fire danger day using the
Maine Forestry fire danger
Classisfication system.

July 25, 2012

Sabattus

Use of consumer fireworks is restricted to
Class 4 & 5 fire danger days as set by the
Maine Forest Service.

June 1, 2013

Madawaska

Sale of consumer fireworks restricted to
Commerical District and requires a
Special Exception land-use application and
permit from the Madawaska Planning Board.

Use is restricted to those possessing a municipal permit.
There are distance, time, manner and other restrictions
on the use of consumer fireworks. Please contact the
town for further details on permitting.

June 5, 2012

Oakland

Consumer Fireworks shall not be ignited within
50 feet of an adjacent property nor within a one
mile radius of Memorial Hall. Consumer
fireworks are not to be ignited on a Maine Forest
Service Class 3,4, and 5 day or at times when a red
Flag fire warning is being issued.

Consumer fireworks use is limited to July 4 & 5th:
January 1st: June 28th and December 31st. Call the town hall for
specific hours of use: 207-465-7357.

May 22, 2013

Limestone

Consumer fireworks my not be used within 10 ft.
of a public way.

Use restricted to the hours of 10AM to 10PM except July 4th
and December 31st when you can use them until midnight or
January 1st when you can use them until 1AM

June 11, 2013

Topsham

Sale and use prohibited.

June, 2012

Hampden

Consumer fireworks may not be used on “Red Flag” days as designated by the Maine Forest Service and/or NOAA.

July 3, 2013

Note: For a more complete explanation of municipal ordinances referenced above you can contact the town or this office at 626-3873. If your community has adopted an ordinance, you must submit a copy of the ordinance to the Office of the Fire Marshal within 60 days. 8 M.R.S.A. §223-A (2). Submit the ordinance to:

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